

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-00932-KBJ**

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY v. U.S. FISH AND  
WILDLIFE SERVICE  
Assigned to: Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 04/03/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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DIVERSITY**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/03/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6038154) filed by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons Attorney General, # <u>3</u> Summons Fish and Wildlife, # <u>4</u> Summons US Attorney)(Connor, Hannah) (Entered: 04/03/2019)

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04/03/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (Connor, Hannah) (Entered: 04/03/2019)
04/03/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson. (zef, ) (Entered: 04/03/2019)
04/03/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 04/03/2019)
04/11/2019	<u>4</u>	GENERAL ORDER AND GUIDELINES APPLICABLE TO FOIA CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE KETANJI BROWN JACKSON. The Court will hold the parties and counsel responsible for following these directives, and parties and counsel should pay particular attention to the Court's instructions for processing and production of records, batching motions, and filing exhibits. Failure to adhere to this Order may, when appropriate, result the imposition of sanctions and/or sua sponte denial of non-conforming motions. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 4/11/2019. (lckbj1) (Entered: 04/11/2019)
04/18/2019	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 4/15/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/15/2019. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Certified Mail Return Receipt)(Connor, Hannah) (Entered: 04/18/2019)
04/18/2019	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 4/15/2019. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Certified Mail Return Receipt)(Connor, Hannah) (Entered: 04/18/2019)
04/18/2019	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE served on 4/15/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Certified Mail Return Receipt)(Connor, Hannah) (Entered: 04/18/2019)
05/10/2019	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Evan Kahn on behalf of U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (Kahn, Matthew) (Entered: 05/10/2019)
05/10/2019	<u>9</u>	AMENDED COMPLAINT against U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE filed by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Appendix Redline Comparison)(Connor, Hannah) (Entered: 05/10/2019)
05/10/2019	<u>10</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Margaret E. Townsend on behalf of CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 05/10/2019)
05/21/2019	<u>11</u>	NOTICE of Intent to File Answer by U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (Kahn, Matthew) (Entered: 05/21/2019)
05/24/2019	<u>12</u>	ANSWER to <u>9</u> Amended Complaint by U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE.(Kahn, Matthew) (Entered: 05/24/2019)
05/30/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall review this Court's <u>4</u> General Order and Guidelines Applicable to FOIA Cases, and promptly confer and file a joint proposed schedule for disclosure or briefing motions for summary judgment, on or before 6/13/2019. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 5/30/2019. (lckbj1) (Entered: 05/30/2019)
06/13/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Connor, Hannah) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/25/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before 7/15/2019, the parties shall file a further joint status report, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 6/25/2019. (lckbj1) (Entered: 06/25/2019)
07/11/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE. (Kahn, Matthew) (Entered: 07/11/2019)

07/12/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before 8/12/2019, the parties shall file a further joint status report, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 7/12/2019. (lckbj1) (Entered: 07/12/2019)
08/12/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE. (Kahn, Matthew) (Entered: 08/12/2019)
08/26/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before 10/18/2019, which shall contain a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 8/26/2019. (lckbj1) (Entered: 08/26/2019)
10/15/2019	<u>16</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Damon William Taaffe on behalf of U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Substituting for attorney Matthew Kahn (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 10/15/2019)
10/18/2019	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 10/18/2019)